

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1122

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A RESOLUTION to recognize May 6, 2004 as "National Nurses Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, more than 2.7 million nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nation's nursing resources; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, the demand for nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, more qualified nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS, the week of May 6-12 is National Nurses Week, and since 1982, May 6th has been designated as National Nurses Day in our great nation to honor these professionals and celebrate the many ways in which nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and map out the path to improving our health care system; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize May 6, 2004, as "National Nurses Day" and ask all Tennesseans to join in honoring the nurses who care for all of us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the citizens of Tennessee celebrate nursing's accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation for the nation's nurses not just during this day and week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.